

# SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

**September 11th, 2016**

“Acquaint now thyself  
with HIM, and be at  
peace: thereby good  
shall come unto thee.”

JOB 22:21

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## **Schedule of Services**

**Sunday School            10:00 am**

**Sunday Worship        11:00 am**

**Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm**

### **Nursery**

*Nursery available for 4 years old and younger*

### **Happy Birthday!**

**Heather Wolf - September 15th**

**This evening's featured podcast speaker will be PASTOR CHRIS CUNNINGHAM**

### **ROMANS 3:10-31 — WHAT THE LAW SAITH AND WHY?**

To find our podcast search for the keyword **PurposedGrace** on  
Apple's **Podcast App** or Google's **Play Music App**

**\*Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

**\*\*\* SPECIAL MEETINGS \*\*\* We're All Invited!**

## **LINCOLN WOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FRI, OCTOBER 7TH @ 7:30 PM, SAT, OCTOBER 8TH @ 6:30 PM**

**PASTOR DAVID PLEDGER & PASTOR TOM HARDING**

## **THE WONDERFUL UNITY OF THE BIBLE**

### **ATTESTS ITS DIVINE AUTHORSHIP**

The manner in which the Bible has been produced argues against its unity. The Bible was penned on two continents, written in three languages, and its composition and compilation extended through the slow progress of sixteen centuries. The various parts of the Bible were written at different times and under the most varying circumstances. Parts of it were written in tents, deserts, cities, palaces and dungeons; in times of imminent danger and in seasons of ecstatic joy. Among its writers were judges, kings, priests, prophets, patriarchs, prime-ministers, herdsmen, scribes, soldiers, physicians and fishermen. Yet despite these varying circumstances, conditions and workmen, the Bible is *one* Book, behind its many parts there is an unmistakable organic unity. It contains *one* system of doctrine, *one* code of ethics, *one* plan of salvation and *one* rule of faith.

Now if forty different men were selected to-day from such varying stations and callings of life as to include clerks, rulers, politicians, judges, clergy, doctors, farm-laborers and fishermen, and each was asked to contribute a chapter for some book on theology or church-government, when their several contributions were collected and bound together, would there be any unity about them, could that book truly be said to be one book; or would not their different productions vary so much in literary value, diction and matter as to be merely a heterogenous mass, a miscellaneous collection? Yet we do not find this to be the case in connection with God's Book. Although the Bible is a volume of sixty-six Books, written by forty different men, treating of such a large variety of themes as to cover nearly the whole range of human inquiry, we find it is one Book, the Book (not the books), the Bible.

Further; if we were to select specimens of literature from the third, fifth, tenth, fifteenth and twentieth centuries of the Christian era and were to bind them together, what unity and harmony should we find in such a collection? Human writers reflect the spirit of their own day and generation and the compositions of men living amid widely differing influences and separated by centuries of time have little or nothing in common with each other. Yet although the earliest portions of the Sacred Canon date back to at least the fifteenth century, B. C, while the writings of John were not completed till the close of the first century, A. D., nevertheless, we find a perfect harmony throughout the Scriptures from the first verse in Genesis to the last verse in Revelation. The great ethical and spiritual lessons presented in the Bible, by whoever taught, agree.

The more one really studies the Bible the more one is convinced that behind the many human mouths there is One overruling, controlling Mind. Imagine forty persons of different nationalities, possessing various degrees of musical culture visiting the organ of some cathedral and at long intervals of time, and without any collusion whatever, striking sixty-six different notes, which when combined yielded the theme of the grandest oratorio ever heard: would it not show that behind these forty different men there was one presiding mind, one great Tone Master? As we listen to some great orchestra, with its immense variety of instruments playing their different parts, but producing melody and harmony, we realize that at the back of these many musicians there is the personality and genius of the composer. And when we enter the halls of the Divine Academy and listen to the heavenly choirs singing the Song of Redemption, all in perfect accord and unison, we know that it is God Himself who has written the music and put this song into their mouths.

## GOD COMMANDETH

Observe that the Word of GOD shows us that the Gospel is not an offer as some men claim, but rather the Gospel is a command. See here in ACTS 17 verse 28:

*“...in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but NOW COMMANDETH ALL MEN EVERY WHERE TO REPENT” (ACTS 17:28)*

I want you to understand what you are reading in GOD’s word, and receive it as it is in truth—the word of GOD.

We read in GOD’s only holy book that the Gospel is a command; GOD commands all men everywhere to repent and believe the Gospel of His Son.

Repent of your sin of unbelief and believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST; friend, trust HIM alone for your salvation; trusting HIS blessed person and finished work of salvation...

...for *all* your justification,

...for *all* your sanctification,

...for *all* your glorification, and ultimately

...for *all* your acceptance with GOD our FATHER.

CHRIST is not made King and Lord by men. Our HEAVENLY FATHER made HIM KING of kings, and LORD of Lords; HE is the redeemer and the saviour of HIS elect. GOD declares *“I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.” ... “Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.”*

Oh what a blessing for you who believe on CHRIST! A full and complete pardon of sin, and a perfect righteousness. Worship the SON, reference the SON, kiss the feet of GOD’s King, and be ye saved!

Through the Gospel OUR HEAVENLY FATHER commands us to repent of our sin of unbelief and to believe HIS SON. He command us to believe on HIS LAMB, the LORD JESUS CHRIST, trusting in HIS doing and dying *alone* for our *justification*, for our *sanctification*, for our *glorification*; ultimately for our complete acceptance before HIM. So what is it that you and I must do to obey the command of the Gospel? Our Lord tells us very plainly and simply — *“believe on him whom he hath sent” (JOHN 6:29)*

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